

Italian Scenes of America's Conquest of Europe, "Per" President Wilson



PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER ON VISIT TO POPE.

Miss Margaret Wilson who toured Italy and France with the President, is shown here talking with Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page in the square of the Vatican after visiting the Pope with her distinguished father. George Creel, of the Committee of Public

Information, is seated in the automobile with her. Miss Wilson was given a tumultuous reception everywhere. For many weeks she had been singing to the American soldier boys in the French camps.



GUARD OF HONOR FOR PRESIDENT ON VISIT TO ROME.

The average man thinks he is fortunate if he possesses one valet. President Wilson, when he visited Rome recently, was attended by this fine-looking body of sixteen, every one a high-

class "man's man." The photo was snapped in front of the Quirinal, the valets being arrayed in costumes popular in the seventeenth century.

D. C. CAN GAIN NOTHING BY ABUSING NEW CONGRESSMEN

By BILL PRICE.

Will the people of Washington and the new Congress, coming in March, live in amity and peace? Or will there be ill-feeling on the part of a portion of the country's statesmen toward Washington and its inhabitants? Why should there be anything ex-

cept the best of feeling all around, resulting in good for the Federal Capital, the nation's law factory? What brings about the cross-currents that end in Washington being punished?

Two or three prominent men offer solutions through this column of The Times.

First Impressions Stay.

Every Washingtonian having the best interests of his nation and city at heart should not overlook that a brand new Congress starts business with the calling of an extra session in the spring. Hundreds of new statesmen will sit in the two bodies. Washington as a city will be wholly new to them. Yet they will be members of the common council that runs this city.

The first impressions they get will linger with them a long time, maybe for years. It will have its influence upon their attitude toward District legislation that will mean progress or retardation.

Is the preliminary picture the new statesman gets of Washington one that makes him friendly to this town and its people?

Is his treatment later on, if he happens to voice a grouch, such as makes for the voice of the town? Here's J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic Associa-

tion, genuinely a friend of Washington because this is the Federal workshop, the place where law is made and enforced for 100,000,000 people, and as such he feels it should be twice as great a city as it is today.

Has Made Inquiries.

"I've been trying to find out what brings about the strained relations between so many Congressmen and the people here," he told this writer, "and I've been making many inquiries."

"In the first place it must be remembered that the new Congressman comes to Washington from some city or town where his \$7,500 a year salary would be far beyond his actual needs. He lives in his own home and the expense is not so great. Arriving here he probably seeks quarters among the Congressional set, which is usually at some good hotel. He brings his wife and children, and he may place his children in school. His style of living costs him high. When he looks ahead he sees that he can save nothing of his salary. He may have to draw on his personal income. First cause of grouch."

"Next he hears that the executive departments are unconcerned about him and his requests; sometimes department officials have instructions to tell him nothing. Grouch No. 2."

"He has come from a district where his personality is impressive; where his constituents swear by him; where he is a hero. Whenever he goes to Washington he is practically unnoticed. Officials in the executive departments do not even know he is a Congressman when he calls unless he explains that he is. Grouch No. 3."

"Then he happens to pick up a Washington paper. He finds the paper or prominent citizens slugging some Congressman for his opposition to District measures, saying nasty things about him. Bad impression No. 4."

"I met a fine young newly elected Congressman the other day. He was sore, grouchy and grumbling about the town. He had heard unpleasant things from many directions."

Mr. McFarland did not wonder that it is hard for Washington to get fair dealing at the hands of "these gentlemen." If he had his way he would suggest that it would be a good business proposition to stop stinging Congressmen. On the contrary, win Congress by fair argument and courtesy. That would be worth while to Washington and the Congressmen, and most of all to the nation itself."

Commissioner Gardner took the oath of office as District Commissioner with substantially the same views as Mr. McFarland now presents. He has been living up to those views and finds that he makes friends for the District in Congress. "I do not believe in this business of berating Congressmen," Mr. Gardner asserted. "When a national legislator, who is also District legislator, obtains an erroneous impression of things in the District, we should attempt to explain and educate. Let us enlighten and not condemn. Let civic organizations which abuse Congressmen go to the legislators and reason with them. Furnish light and facts."

Urges D. C. Committee. "I do not see why there is not a committee of big, broad-minded District men named to go to Congressmen who fail to understand District problems and show them the facts. One certainly has no complaint to make as to my relations with Senators and Representatives. I find them responsive to reason and light at all times. Of course, we do not always get just what we want, but if we persist in a policy of enlightenment and courtesy we will succeed in the great majority of cases. Congress is open to convincing presentation of facts."

Mr. McFarland declares the old-time courtesy of Washington is departing. Years ago when he came here, he says, it was a delight to go anywhere. In the stores he was always treated with courtesy. Several times lately he has been discourteously

GERMAN DELEGATES ASK COLONIES RESTORED

ZURICH, Feb. 7.—German delegates to the international labor and socialist congress in Berne have presented resolutions urging restitution of the German colonies and unrestricted vote by Germany in the league of nations, particularly on colonial questions.

treated by clerks in stores. He has no doubt that Congress finds the same thing.

Neither of the gentlemen touch upon the fact that Washington people are helpless from the suffrage standpoint; that the average Congressman, meaning to be fair, realizes that he is responsible to his own constituents and not to District people. In a way folks here are no more in his young political life than the Turks of Asia Minor. The people have become scrappy merely because they feel that they are just footfalls to be kicked around by anybody in Congressional halls. They do not like to be kicked. So they fight back, sometimes roughly, probably unfortunately for them.

Abuse Gets Nowhere. But there is a world of truth in the idea that abuse of Congressmen gets nowhere, no more than it does in the business and professional world. Congressmen stick together. One chap may deserve what is said about him. He may be small-calibered mentally, prejudiced and narrow. But when you hit him all the others yelp.

A saloonkeeper's manufacturing plant can't get anywhere saying nasty things. His wares are bought on the merits of his representation, on clever argument and presentation of facts. He must have the right line of goods. Washington has the RIGHT LINE OF GOODS. It is the work shop that turns out GOVERNMENT for the NATION. As such it has much to offer Congress in the way of facts and argument. It will get nowhere with abuse.

"F ST.'S PRETTIEST" HELD AS FORGER

BALTIMORE, Feb. 7.—Pretty, nineteen-year-old Ella Jean Burnham, alias Mrs. Richard H. Warrar, known for a time in Washington as "the prettiest girl on F street," is in custody here today, on a charge of passing a worthless check on a local merchant for \$308.85. She was arrested at a fashionable hotel in Atlantic City.

Miss Burnham "cut a swath" in Washington. Headwaiters at the more expensive cafes jumped to find her a table. She was also well known in the "about town" circles of this city, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and New York.

Questioned at the office of Marshal Carter the girl told an interesting story of millionaire longings versus salesgirl income, concluding, the detectives say, by writing a confession, in rhyme.

She admits, according to the detectives, that when she needed money she drew up a worthless check and experienced little difficulty in obtaining money or having it cashed. According to Detective O'Donnell, she passed checks in Philadelphia and New York after leaving this city. She was caught in Atlantic City after winning the affection of a hotel owner.

On December 7 she came here, registered at a hotel, called a taxicab and directed the chauffeur to drive her to Schleisner's. She selected garments valued at \$308.85. She said her husband was in Washington and directed that the garments be sent to a Washington hotel. As she needed an evening gown badly, she said, the management permitted her to take away an old rose dress valued at \$65.

A few hours later, according to her confession, she sold the dress. Miss Burnham, according to the detectives, tried to get a furniture company to cash a check for her after ordering a stock of furniture shipped to Washington. That night she went to the Young Women's Christian Association, where she tried to cash a check, but was not successful. The checks were drawn on the Riggs National Bank, Washington, and the day after

the Schleisner firm accepted the check they learned it was a forgery.

"You know I was given the benefit of a good education," Miss Burnham told O'Donnell on the way here from Atlantic City. "I was graduated from the Central High School, Chicago, and aside from other things I have written many little rhymes. Lend me your pencil!" And this is what she jotted off on the train:

Then to Atlantic for a trick not so keen,
For a suit and some dresses she cheated J. Fein.
When Fein found it out that the check was no good,
He swore he would get her or a warrant would.

Then on the trail went Eckstein, a detective bold.
In spite of fierce manner his heart is of gold.
In a taxi he found her and took her to jail.
First had her questioned, then \$1,000 bail.
They have taken her picture

And fingerprints, too.
She's in the request gallery.
Aren't you glad it's not you?

"This is about myself," she said, handing the paper to O'Donnell. Detective O'Donnell explained the Fein is an Atlantic City tailor and Eckstein is the detective who arrested Miss Burnham when she was about to escape from the resort a week ago. At Atlantic City Miss Burnham established herself at one hotel and obtained employment as a pianist and soloist at another hotel.

Despite detainers placed against the girl by Philadelphia and New York police, Detective Captain Malseed, of Atlantic City, held Miss Burnham for the local authorities. O'Donnell obtained regulation papers from Governor Harrington. She says she was born in Thomas, Okla., but that her relatives live in Chicago.

"CHARLIE HORSE," MAYBE. GSRAT LAKES, III., Feb. 7.—"Charlie's dead; come at once," telegram to gob said. Asked furlough. "What relation was Charlie?" asked the G. O. "Don't know," Gob said. "Been family horse nineteen years."

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